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Project Summary	USAID/BFS/MPI is interested in hearing about theses or research at the nexus of food security, private sector engagement, and inclusive market systems development. If your research fits with our goals and objectives, let's collaborate.
Country	United States

Project Description

1. What We Do

At the Bureau for Food Security's Office of Market & Partnership Innovations (USAID/BFS/MPI), we engage the private sector and facilitate inclusive market systems development to end poverty and malnutrition. Our work centers on:

- Commercializing Innovative Technology
- Finance
- Food Safety
- Market Systems & Value Chains
- Public Private Partnerships
- Risk & Resilience

2. What We Need From You

USAID/BFS/MPI is interested in hearing from students (especially graduate students) who are conducting original research or writing a thesis related to food security, private sector engagement, and inclusive market systems development. Are you that student? If so, pitch your research or thesis to us! If it aligns with our mission, we would be happy to collaborate with you. (For guidance on what aligns with our mission, it may be helpful to review the Global Food Security Strategy, which is available online.)

As our Subject Matter Expert, we will ask you to help us develop knowledge briefs related to our areas of mutual interest. While the final product for your internship will be negotiated and determined once you start, your responsibilities may include:

- Rigorous literature reviews and data analysis related to: private sector engagement, agribusiness, inclusive market systems development, and trade.
- Preparing written products, such as briefing materials, case studies, toolkits, or best practice guidance.
- Presenting your final research and written product to the USAID/BFS/MPI team.

3. What You Will Get From Us

- Regular contact with USAID staff to guide your work and advise you on careers in international development.

- The opportunity to present your work to USAID/BFS/MPI staff and potentially receive feedback on your research from a practitioner's point of view.
- The opportunity to network virtually and potentially in person with members of the international development community.

Required Skills or Interests

Skill(s)

Analytical writing

Data analysis

Data visualization

Economic analysis

Research

Writing

Additional Information

No prior knowledge of USAID is required, however applicants should have a demonstrable interest in international development, food security, agricultural economics, private sector engagement, markets, and/or business.

Preference will be given to graduate and advanced undergraduate students.

While there are no language requirements, einterns proficient in languages spoken in one of the twelve Feed the Future target countries (Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guatemala, Honduras, Kenya, Mali, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Uganda) may be able to provide additional insight.

Language Requirements

None